

Strike out in first section, fifteenth line, the word "two" and insert "three." In first section, sixteenth and seventeenth line, strike out "fourteenth" and insert "fifteenth." Adopted and bill passed to a third reading Rule suspended, read third time and passed.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill to provide for the protection of the frontier of Texas which, on motion of Mr. Britton, was taken up. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Militia.

Mr. Whaley introduced a bill supplemental to an act to provide for the organization of the Militia of the State of Texas, approved February 14, 1860. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Militia.

Mr. Gentry moved to print 100 copies. Lost.

Mr. Dulaney offered a Joint Resolution to provide for the payment of the Delegates now assembled in State Convention. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Gentry a bill for the relief of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company, on the report of the committee on Internal Improvements, recommending a refusal to concur in the amendments of the House was taken up, and report adopted.

Whereupon Messrs. Gentry, Martin and Throckmorton were appointed a committee of conference.

On motion the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, February 1st, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill conferring admiralty and maritime jurisdiction and practice upon the district courts of the State of Texas. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Schleicher introduced a bill to incorporate the Uvalde Irrigation Company. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Britton, chairman of the committee on the Militia, to whom was referred the House bill to provide protection for the

frontier by minute men, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage, after striking out in the latter clause so much thereof as relates to the repeal of the act of January 2nd 1860. Say from the words, "that an act approved January 2nd &c.," down to the order of the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Britton the rule was suspended bill taken up, and

On motion of Mr. Hart, made special order for to-morrow 11 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Erath introduced a bill to incorporate the Port Sullivan Railroad Company. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Townes introduced a joint resolution construing a part of the act for the protection of the frontier. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Militia.

Mr. Gentry introduced a bill for the relief of the Texas and New Orleans Railroad Company. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Townes, from the committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the Senate resolution to enquire into the contract made with Boyce and Sawyer for re-covering the Capitol and Old Land Office Buildings, reported that by the authority of a joint resolution of the Legislature, the Governor and Comptroller on the 2nd day of March 1858, entered into a contract with R. P. Boyce, and J. B. Sawyer, by which they bound themselves to re-model and to re-cover the roofs of the Capitol and the Old Land Office with West's Galvanic Cement; and warranted it to be wind, water and fire proof, and so to continue for the term of ten years from its completion, and so to keep said roofs for said term. That these parties bound themselves for the faithful performance of their contract in an obligation with Jas. W. Henderson, Geo. Brenhurst and J. W. Schrimple as surities in the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and the State agreed to pay, and did pay them five thousand nine hundred dollars for said work. They further report that the roofs on the Capitol and on the Old Land Office are now and have been for more than a year defective, and leaking letting in the water whenever it rains to the great damage of the buildings, and their contents, so that said contract has been broken, and the bond forfeited, so far at least as to make it incumbent on the parties to repair the roofs and make them water proof.

The committee therefore report the accompanying joint resolutions and recommend their passage:

Joint Resolutions with regard to the contract for roofing the Capitol.

On motion of Mr. Townes the resolutions were taken up, read first time. Rule suspended read second time and ordered to be engrossed, rule further suspended read third time and passed.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance to whom was referred the joint resolution making an appropriation to pay the members of the Convention, reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage with the following amendments:

1st. In the caption after "resolution" insert "making an appropriation to pay the members of the Convention."

2nd. Sec. 1. line 4. After "dollars" insert, "or so much thereof as may be necessary."

Mr. Townes, from the committee on Enrolled Bills reported a bill supplementary to an act to incorporate the Houston, Trinity and Tyler Railroad Company, and to the acts amendatory of and supplemental thereto, correctly enrolled and this day presented to the Governor.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House concurred in the Senate's amendment to the House bill changing the times of holding the courts in the nineteenth Judicial District, and that the House had passed a bill originating in that body, to provide for submitting the ordinance of secession to a vote of the people.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill to reorganize the sixteenth Judicial District, and to define the time of holding courts therein. Read second time and passed to a third reading, rule suspended, read third time and passed.

The report of the committee on Finance, recommending the passage of bill to allow holders of Treasury warrants to take land in lien thereof. Bill read second time.

Mr. Miller offered a substitute therefor.

The question on its adoption being taken, the yeas and nays stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Chambers, Duggan, Guinn, Miller, Pitts, Walker, and Whaley—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Blanch, Britton, Dulaney, Erath, Gentry, Grimes, Harmon, Hart, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, Martin, Parsons, Paschal, Potter, Quinan, Schleicher, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton and Townes—21.

Mr. Blanch moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill till to-morrow. Carried.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to incorporate the Galveston and Houston, Junction Railroad Company. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

The report of the Judiciary committee on a bill to provide the time of holding courts in the seventeenth Judicial District, offering a substitute therefor, read.

Mr. Schleicher offered a substitute for the substitute.

On motion the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, February 2nd, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Stockdale presented the memorial of M. M. Kenny. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill supplemental to an act entitled an act, for the relief of Myram Mudget, Daniel Kitchings, A. L. Spence, and E. G. Cantwell. Read first and second times and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Chambers introduced a bill to amend an act incorporating the town of Mount Pleasant in Titus county. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Blanch introduced a bill for the relief of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Scarborough introduced a bill to change the name of the county seat of Hidalgo county. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on County and County Boundaries.

Mr. Potter offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, As the sense of the Senate that in the present disturbed condition of public affairs, it is the duty of the Legislature to provide means for the defence of the State and to sustain its credit. That such provision should be based as far as it can reasonably be done upon taxation, and that to that end the present rate of taxation, for the use of the State should be increased. Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Dulaney, Erath, Gentry, Guinn, Harmon, Hart, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, Parsons, Paschal, Pitts, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes and Whaley—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Duggan, Grimes, Martin, Miller and Walker—5.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill providing for the sale of a por-